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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES IT IS PREPARED TO GRANT LOWER 700 MHZ BAND LICENSES UPON FULL AND TIMELY PAYMENT

AUCTION EVENT NO. 44

Report No. AUC-44 (Auction No. 44)

On September 18, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission completed the auction of 740 licenses in the lower 700 MHz C and D blocks. After a preliminary review of the long-form applications (FCC Form 601), the applications were listed on public notice, dated September 20, 2002, as accepted for filing.

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau announces that it is prepared to grant the applications for the licenses listed in Attachment A to this Public Notice, upon the full and timely payment of the remaining balance of each applicant's winning bid(s). Such payment must be received by the Commission within ten (10) business days after the date of this Public Notice (*i.e.*, by **September 9, 2005**). See 47 C.F.R. § 1.2109(a). If a winning bidder listed in Attachment A fails to pay the balance of its winning bid in a lump sum by **September 9, 2005**, it may pay the remaining balance within ten (10) business days after the payment deadline (*i.e.*, by **September 23, 2005**), provided that it also pays a late fee equal to five percent of the amount due. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.2109(a).

A winning bidder listed in Attachment A that fails to pay the balance of its winning bid(s) by the late payment deadline of **September 23, 2005**, will be in default and subject to applicable default payments. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2104(g), 1.2109(c). Such applicant will be assessed default penalties as prescribed by sections 1.2104(g) and 1.2109(c) of the Commission's rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2104(g), 1.2109(c).

¹ See Lower 700 MHz Band Auction Closes; Winning Bidders Announced, Public Notice, 17 FCC Rcd 17272 (2002).

² See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Applications for Lower 700 MHz Band Are Accepted for Filing, Auction Event No. 44, *Public Notice*, 17 FCC Rcd 22329 (2002).

Payment Instructions

All payments must be made in U.S. currency in the form of a wire transfer. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.2107(b). No personal checks, cashier's checks or other forms of payment will be accepted.

Wire transfer payments must be received by Mellon Bank no later than 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time, September 9, 2005 (or 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time, September 23, 2005, along with the five percent late fee). The applicant should allow sufficient time for the wire transfer to be initiated and for the transmission to be completed prior to the deadline. To submit funds by wire, the applicant will need the following information to properly effect the transmittal:

ABA ROUTING NUMBER: 043000261 RECEIVING BANK: Mellon Pittsburgh 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, PA 15262

BNF: FCC Account Number 911-6106

OBI Field: (Skip one space between each information item) PAYER FRN NO.: (same as FCC Form 159, Block 11)

APPLICANT FRN NO.: (if different from payer, FCC Form 159, Block 21)

PAYMENT TYPE CODE: (enter "A44D")

PAYER NAME: (same as FCC Form 159, Block 2)

LOCKBOX NO.: 358850

Payments must be preceded by a completed FCC Remittance Advice Form (FCC Form 159). On the same business day applicants pay the balance due to Mellon Bank, applicants must fax a completed FCC Form 159 to Mellon Bank at (412) 209-6045 at least one hour prior to placing the order for the wire transfer.

When completing FCC Form 159 (February 2003 Version), the applicant must type the auction number, "44," in Block 28A ("FCC Code 1"). The applicant also must type the applicable license number in Block 29A ("FCC Code 2") of FCC Form 159. The license number should be identified by typing "WZ" (radio service code), followed by the market designator (EAG or CMA), followed by the market number (000-734), and the frequency block (blocks C and D). An example of a correct license number would be "WZEAG001D" or "WZCMA078C." The radio service code, market designator, market number, and frequency block designations are listed in Attachment A.

Further information

For questions regarding the calculation and submission of final payment, the FCC Form 159 and refunds, contact Gail Glasser, Office of the Managing Director, Financial Operations Center, Auctions Accounting Group, at (202) 418-0578.

For questions regarding legal matters and licensing issues, contact Erin A. McGrath, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, at (202) 418-2042, or Michael Connelly, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, at (202) 418-0132.

The news media should contact Chelsea Fallon, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-7991.

This Public Notice contains the following Attachments:

Attachment A: List of Applications the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is Prepared to Grant.

Attachment B: Search Instructions for Applications Filed for Lower 700 MHz Band Auction No. 44.